Corporation during the last five years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
(1) Profit before tax . . .	102·39	46·26	52·25	55·40	30·36
(2) Profit after tax	41·58	21·08	22·22	21·50	23·35
(3) Percentage of bonus declared on employees earnings . .	20·00%	9·50%	8·33%	8·33%	8·33%

(c) Computation of allocable surplus for determining quantum of bonus payable to employees is made in accordance with the provisions of the Bonus Act, 1965. The allocable surplus during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 was not even sufficient to cover minimum bonus of 8.33 per cent payable under the Act. As such minimum bonus of 8.33 per cent was declared during each of these three years, *i.e.* 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86.

In the year 1982-83, 9.5 per cent bonus was declared which was higher than the minimum bonus of 8.33 per cent due to the fact that allocable surplus from the year 1981-82 was carried forward to the year 1982-83. During the year 1981-82, MITCO earned a record profit of Rs. 41.58 lakhs and maximum bonus was paid.

Recognition of Union in MITCO Factories in Bihar

1727. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Union recognised in the MITCO factories in Bihar with facts in details;

(b) the date of giving recognition;

(c) the basis for giving recognition; and

(d) whether the management has ever assessed the representative character of the recognised union; if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Electronic Works Trade Union, Giridih affiliated to INTUC representing the workers employed in MITCO's factories at Giridih, Bihar and Industrial Workers Association, Jhumritelaya also affiliated to INTUC representing workers employed in Corporation's factories at Jhumritelaya and Domchanch in Bihar have been recognised by the Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited, Patna. Both these Unions were recognised with effect from 29-10-1985.

(c) and (d) No physical vertification of tre strength of these Unions has been done. However, the Mica Trading Corporation has been signing agreements regarding service condition, bonus settlement etc. with them in the past. These unions *prima facie* appeared to have majority strength. On the basis of clarifications obtained from the Labour Department of the Government of Bihar, therefore, recognition of these Unions was made by the Corporation.

Permanent Centres for Trade Fairs

1728. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish permanent centres for organising trade fairs in different parts of the country; and